

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1794 - HB 2464

February 13, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the definition of a “pain management specialist” to include a physician which has been certified as an addiction specialist by the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM), holds an unencumbered Tennessee license, and maintains the minimum number of continuing medical education (CME) hours in pain management to satisfy retention of ABAM certification; provided, any exemptions to this CME requirement may be approved by the respective regulatory board.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-306 (b)(2), a physician who serves as a medical director must meet the requirements of being a pain management specialist, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-301(9).
- This legislation will likely result in a greater number of physicians meeting the qualifications to become a medical director of a pain management clinic.
- There is no state-issued certificate or licensure for becoming a pain management specialist or a medical director of a pain management clinic; therefore, no additional licensure fee revenue to the Department of Health, including any board or division under the Department.
- There will be no additional pain management clinic certificates issued as a direct result of this legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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